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NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAM
TO BE HELD AT UM

MISSOULA--

A Native American cultural arts program will be held at the University of Montana on Sunday, Oct. 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

The program, titled "Native American Women: Visions through the Arts," will be held in conjunction with the Northwest Women's Studies Association conference at UM Oct. 8-11 and will feature dance, storytelling, poetry reading and dramatization.

Performing in the program is Jeannie Eder, who is a Santee Sioux and the director of the talent search committee in the office of higher education in Helena.

Eder's performance is called "Waheenee" and is a theatrical representation of a traditional Hidatsa Indian woman who lived along the banks of the Missouri River in North Dakota.

Waheenee was born in an earthlodge village in 1839 and she died in 1929. In her lifetime she saw the advancement of white people, the disappearance of the buffalo and the freedom of her people confined to the boundaries of a reservation.

The program also features a poetry reading by Sandra LeBeau, a Cheyenne River Sioux, and a satirical play on racism and sexism written by UM journalism senior, William Yellow Robe. The play will be performed by students from the Native American Studies program at UM.

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